

Board assembling and reviewing data on JFK assassination

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WASHINGTON — The controversy over the assassination of John F. Kennedy has ensnared government commissions, a hotbed of conspiracy theorists and the likes of director Oliver Stone in his film "JFK." Each has scrambled to tell the American public their version of what happened on Nov. 22, 1963.

But the Assassination Records Review Board isn't into theories.

Unlike past government commissions that have investigated the case aiming for conclusions, the five-member review board's single goal is simply to find and review all records that bear on the assassination.

To date, those records amount to 3.75 million pages in 1,600 cubic feet of storage space in the John F. Kennedy Assassination Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration's College Park, Md., facility.

The review board, appointed through the John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act of 1992, has the authority to compel federal agencies, including the Secret Service, FBI and CIA, to present records about the assassination and to give legitimate reasons for keeping classified information from the public eye.